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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Madam:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 23, 2002 (Paper #19), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present claims in view of the following remarks.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 22-24 and enter the following proposed amendments to claims 1 and 20:

1. A method for the amplification of a population of nucleic acids comprising a population of poly(A)+ RNA, said method comprising:
- a first step of mixing said population of nucleic acids with a primer comprising oligo-dT in a single reaction vessel under conditions that allow hybridization of said primer with said population of poly(A)+ RNA;